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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

(Transport-2 Branch)

NOTIFICATION

The 24th July, 2023

No.3/2/2017-2T2(PF-11)//263.- In order to ensure convenience of passengers, to prevent the overcrowding in the Public Transport, to provide effective and healthy competition among the Public Transport service providers and above all, keeping in view the aspect of Road Safety, the Governor of Punjab in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 67 (1) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, is pleased to issue the following directions by way of notification to the Regional Transport Authorities concerned for framing and approval of time tables of the routes:

1. That the time tables of the routes shall be framed/approved by the RTAS twice for Summer and Winter seasons every year.
2. That in order to frame and approve the time table, the RTAs shall convene the meeting of all the concerned operators in his office through 15 days notices that may be published in the Motor Transport Gazette Weekly, Chandigarh for the information of all those concerned.
3. That as per procedure/practice noticed by the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana in CWP No. 11131 of 2002 filed by Doaba Roadways vs. Punjab State and others, the time tables of the routes, may be proposed by the major operator, but the same shall be approved only by the RTA concerned in their office after affording an opportunity of personal hearing to all the operators concerned and the private operators shall not be left at the mercy of STU officials for getting their time tables approved.
4. That the RTA shall verify the ownership and fitness of the bus before including the same in the time table. Bus must be in the name of the permit holder or hired by him under the lease agreement.
5. No due certificate regarding the payment of Motor Vehicles Tax submitted by the permit holder must be checked by the RTA and it shall be ensured that Bus No., Permit No. and date of validity of the permit is duly mentioned on the no due certificate.

6. That as and when any new bus service is added on any route, the operator concerned shall be given provisional time table and thereafter, the same shall be included in the regular time table of the route concerned.

7. That the time tables of the routes shall be approved keeping in view the speed limit so as to curtail unhealthy competition which ultimately results in over-speeding, thus endangering the safety of the passengers on board as well as people using the roads.

8. That the RTAs may fix and approve the time tables of the routes keeping, in view the number of operators in the fray either in groups/blocks of four or five, or one by one as may be convenient and agreeable to the STUs/ private operators.

9. That the RTA shall fix time schedules in the interest of the travelling public on the route and not for favouring one operator at the cost of the other. The slots in the time table shall not be fixed on the asking of the operators.

10. That the slots in the time tables shall be fixed/distributed by the RTAs by providing equal frequency to all the operators in the fray irrespective of the fact whether the operator is big or small keeping in view the peak and lean hours

11. That the time tables shall be approved/published by the RTA in the format given below:

Name of the route/section/portion.....

Sr. No	Name of operator	Time/slot	Permit No.	Bus No.	Validity of permit	Whether Tax paid or not

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Chandigarh
The 24th July, 2023

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